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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 2677

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, EFIS, UR, US, KS  
SUBJECT: SOVIET ATTITUDE TO ROK FISHING IN KAMCHATKA WATERS

REF: (A) STATE 36768, (B) MOSCOW 2348, (C) MOSCOW 1474

1. 1. DURING SCI. COUNSELOR'S CALL ON SOVIET FISHERIES  
MINISTRY ON FEBRUARY 18, TO DISCUSS QUOTAS (REF B),  
SOVIETS REJECTED ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS ANYTHING EXCEPT  
SPECIFIC BILATERAL US-SOVIET MATTERS, SAYING THAT OTHER  
QUESTIONS WERE OUTSIDE THEIR AREA OF COMPETENCE.
2. POL. COUNSELOR RAISED ROK ACCESS QUESTION INFORMALLY  
AT DINNER ON FEBRUARY 25 WITH OLEG SOKOLOV, CHIEF OF THE  
MULTILATERAL SECTION OF MFA'S USA DIVISION, GOING OVER  
SPECIFICS OF PROBLEM AND GIVING HIM NON-PAPER AS OUTLINED  
(REF A, PARA 4). POL. COUNSELOR RECALLED EARLIER REFUSALS  
TO DISCUSS QUESTION BY MFA TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION  
(REF C) AS WELL AS FISHERIES MINISTRY. SOKOLOV LISTENED,  
BRIEFLY READ NON-PAPER, THEN RETURNED IT SAYING HE  
COULD NOT ACCEPT IT "FOR REASONS PREVIOUSLY STATED".
3. COMMENT: SOVIET OFFICIALS HAVE APPARENTLY RECEIVED  
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STRICT INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO DISCUSS ANYTHING TO DO WITH  
SOUTH KOREA, PROBABLY IN LIGHT OF THEIR DELICATE RELA-  
TIONS WITH NORTH KOREA AS REFLECTED ATMOSPHERE  
SURROUNDING DPRK PREMIER'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW.  
HOWEVER, THE MESSAGE HAS AT LEAST BEEN CONVEYED, TOGETHER  
WITH THE WARNING THAT THE QUESTION COULD AFFECT THE PRO-  
VISIONAL QUOTAS WHICH THE US HAS OFFERED THE SOVIET

UNION. THIS LAST POINT SHOULD GET THROUGH, BUT WE  
CANNOT YET GUESS HOW THE SOVIETS WILL RESPOND. IT MAY  
BE WORTH NOTING THAT THE SOVIET DECREE SPECIFYING THE  
BOUNDARIES OF THE NEW FISHING ZONE MENTIONED THE US AND  
JAPAN SPECIFICALLY, BUT FUDGED THE QUESTION OF KOREA,  
SAYING THAT THE MEDIAN LINE WOULD BE USED "WITH OTHER  
LITTORAL STATES" IN THE SEA OF OKHOTSK AND THE SEA OF  
JAPAN.  
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